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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

OLYMPIAN AND EIU PRESIDENT TO LEAD HOMECOMING PARADE

CHARLESTON, IL--Terri Goodknight, a gold medal winner in basketball in the 1988 para-Olympics, will be the grand marshal of Eastern Illinois University's Homecoming parade at 9:30 a.m. Saturday (Oct. 10).

Goodknight is an education major at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a member of the U.S. Parapalegic Team that went to the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

David Jorns, the newly selected president of Eastern will serve as parade marshal. This will be his first public appearance since being named president Sept. 24. The academic affairs vice president at Northern Kentucky University will not officially begin his executive duties at Eastern until Jan. 1.

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Goodknight and Jorns will ride in the parade featuring more than 120 entries, including marching bands from Eastern, Charleston High School, Charleston Junior High School, Jefferson Grade School in Charleston, Altamont High School, Beecher City Junior-Senior High School, Cumberland High School, Heyworth High School and Urbana High School. There will also be a wide variety of cars and floats decorated in this year's Homecoming theme, "Spirit of the Games."

Board of Governors Universities Trustee Dr. Mack W. Hollowell of Charleston and the recipients of Eastern's 1992 Alumni Awards have also been invited to ride in the parade.

They include actor John Malkovich of Beverly Hills, CA, and artist/illustrator Jan Spivey Gilchrist of Olympia Fields, recipients of Eastern's 1992 Distinguished Alumni Award, the most prestigious award given to alumni.

Other honorees are Eulalee Anderson of Mattoon, former international student adviser at Eastern, who is this year's Alumni Service Award recipient, and Capt. Robert Haycock, 1992 Outstanding Young Alumnus. Haycock serves in the Army and is currently stationed in Korea.

This year's parade route will be the same as last year. Entries will form on and near Seventh Street on the east side of Eastern's campus.

The parade will go north on Seventh Street, around the Charleston Square, and return south on Sixth Street, rejoining Seventh Street behind Boatmen's Bank near Lincoln Avenue.

This year marks Eastern's 77th Homecoming celebration.